

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Commissioner Kemp Longmore arrived at 6:07 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Commissioner Paul Hochanadel, Commissioner Shireen Hart, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Nyree Miles and Commissioner Andrew Plumley. Also present was Chief Brandon del Pozo and Deputy Chief Jannine Wright acting as Police Commission Clerk.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda:**

~There were no additions or Modifications to the Agenda.

\*It should be noted that there were two #10's listed on the agenda. The second 10. was later changed to 10A.

**Public Forum:**

~Trish O'Kane addressed the Commission advising she is new to Burlington, teaches at the University of Vermont and has a background in civil rights and was concerned about police brutality and civil rights. She was wondering what the Commission was doing about addressing these issues, including training for the police department. Chief del Pozo later addressed this issue and spoke about efforts up to this point in regards to race data collection and how the Burlington Police Department has addressed using this data for accountability purposes. Chief del Pozo also stated the Burlington Police Department is required to release this information annually but his department releases the information quarterly. There was further discussion regarding race data and informant that was found by the Department analyst and a correlation between operators of color and driving with a suspended license.

~Ward Niel addressed the Commission to clarify some points about his idea of ride-a-longs with police. He has contacted the representative from the police department who handles the paperwork process for the ride-a-longs and would like to take advantage of the "NAMI toolkits." Niel understands the concern of having individuals ride but wants it to be clear that they will be not riding to address law enforcement protocols but to talk about different points of view and to share experiences. Niel questions himself as to who would be selecting the appropriate people to do ride-a-longs and he mentioned Hillary from Pathways or Lori from NAMI could be part of that process.

**Chief's Report:**

~The Chief introduced Eric Fowler, the Departments Crime Analyst. There was additional conversation regarding the data regarding tickets vs warnings and suspended licenses.

~We have made an offer to Jackie Corbally to be our Citywide Opiate Policy Manager. Jackie has 30 years of experience in dealing with addiction and will take the lead in a coordinated response and solution to the opiate issue.

~Chief del Pozo has been asked to sit on a committee to review the police academy written entrance exam.

~Burlington Police Department has participated in a pilot program focusing on de-escalation techniques and less lethal options. The pilot is for the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). They will take the feedback of the pilot training (that trained about 20 BPD officers), consolidate it with the other five agencies from other areas of the country and develop a training program.

~We are still waiting to hear back from the feds regarding the COPS grant.

~Analyst Fowler gave a presentation on statistics on recruitment at BPD for the past five years.

#### **Commission Organization, Including Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**

~Chair Kenney stated she was interested in remaining as the Chair, however, any other Commissioner was asked to speak up if they were interested in that position. Commissioner Hart made a motion to nominate Chair Kenney as the Chair and Commissioner Kemp Longmore as Co-Chair. Commissioner Hochanadel seconded this motion. All in favor, motion carried.

~The fourth Tuesday of the month continues to work for everyone's schedules for the monthly meeting.

~We are looking at obtaining city email addresses for all Commissioners so the public can have access to them for feedback. As a reminder, it was noted that more than four Commissioners on an email chain would be considered a public meeting so avoid that, if possible.

#### **Update on Proposal for Community Circles of Accountability:**

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated the meeting was a success and this is no longer a "proposal" but an organized group. It will be called the Community Council of Accountability With Law Enforcement Officers.

#### **Reports from Commissioners about Mental Health Crisis Response Research:**

~Chief del Pozo will be meeting with the ACLU this week to discuss the emergency contact database.

~Chair Kenney stated she would look further into mental health training and the role the Vermont Police Academy play in that.

~Commissioner Hochandel continues to research the brochure.

~Chair Kenney inquired if the commission was interested in inviting Wilda White, the Executive Director of Vermont Psychiatric Survivors to provide some training. All agreed this would be a great idea.

#### **Discussion of the Report of the City Council Resolution:**

~A draft was circulated to the Commission by Chair Kenney. Commissioner Hart moved that we prepare the letter to be sent to the City Council. This was seconded by Commissioner Miles. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Review of Any Incoming Correspondence:**

~ None

#### **Commissioners Updates/Comments:**

~Commissioner Simpson inquired if the traffic pattern in the New North End was working. Chief del Pozo stated traffic crashes were down.

~Commissioner Hochanadel welcomed new Commissioner Andrew Plumley.

~Commissioner Plumley stated it was an honor for him and he hoped to add value to the commission.

~Chair Kenney stated she was glad the commission was now at seven.

~Commissioner Hart thanked Deputy Chief Wright for the tour of the facility.

**Review Updated Directives:**

~None

**Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:**

~Chair Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting, the July 21, 2016 Special Meeting and the August 23, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hochanadel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:**

~A request was made to keep Reports from Commissioners about Mental Health Crisis Response Research on the agenda. It was also requested to invite Vermont State Police Captain Ingrid Jonas to the commission meeting and provide an update on Fair and Impartial Policing.

~The next commission meeting will be October 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Burlington Police Department.

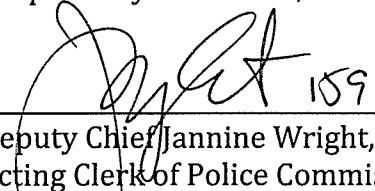
**Executive Session:**

~There was no executive session required.

**Adjournment:**

~Commissioner Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at about 8:15 PM. Chair Kenney seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Chief Jannine Wright,  
Acting Clerk of Police Commission

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